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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SUBBARAO PONAKALA ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/465,402) : Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: December 17, 1999)
For: N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)-)
L- α -ASPARTYL]-L-)
PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL)
ESTER AS A SWEETENER IN)
CHEWING GUM) August 2, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents JP 60-1-2147, JP 58-198250, and JP 58-190354 is provided in the specification at page 1, line 23 through page 2, line 8, and in English language abstracts.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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